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1. MINECON CONTACTED DE SEDOUY AT THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY MONDAY MORNING, MAY 8, TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO U.S. PROPOSAL FOR ARBITRATION (REFTELS). DE SEDOUY SAID THAT FRENCH AUTHORITIES ARE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THEIR REPLY; IT WILL TAKE A FEW MORE DAYS. HE THOUGHT HE COULD ASSURE US OF A REPLY BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. DE SEDOUY WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE FURTHER TALKS AND TO GET THE DISPUTE SETTLED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE SAID THAT WE WOULD REPORT DE SEDOUY'S COMMENTS.

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WE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOF COULD NOT REPLY TODAY IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR PAN AM TO RESUME ITS PARIS SERVICE PROMPTLY. WE ALSO NOTED (REFTEL A, PARA 1C) THAT THE FRENCH SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF INITIAL U.S. PROCEDURES FOR OUR OWN MEASURES SHOULD GET UNDER WAY SOON.

3. ON A STRICTLY PERSONAL BASIS, DE SEDOUY SAID THAT ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THE FRENCH ARE WRESTLING WITH IS THEIR FEAR THAT EVEN "EXPEDITED" ARBITRATION WOULD INVOLVE A "HEAVY PROCEDURE" AND TAKE A LONG TIME. HE HINTED, THEREFORE, THAT PART OF THE FRENCH RESPONSE MIGHT INVOLVE A SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SHORT OF FORMAL ARBITRATION. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS COMMENTS ARE NOT OFFICIAL AND THAT WE SHOULD AWAIT GOF'S CONSIDERED REACTION. WE CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY REMINDING HIM AGAIN OF OUR INTEREST IN A QUICK AND COMPLETE REPLY TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL.
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